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DAD AND THE OTHERS WOULD'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT WHICH DIRECTION TO HEAD IN TOO!
THEY'D HAVE GONE LOOKING FOR A NARROWER SPOT AT WHICH TO CROSS THE RAVINE!

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A... ANOTHER EARTH-QUAKE!
EVEN HERE IT'S STILL SHAKY ONCE IN A WHILE...

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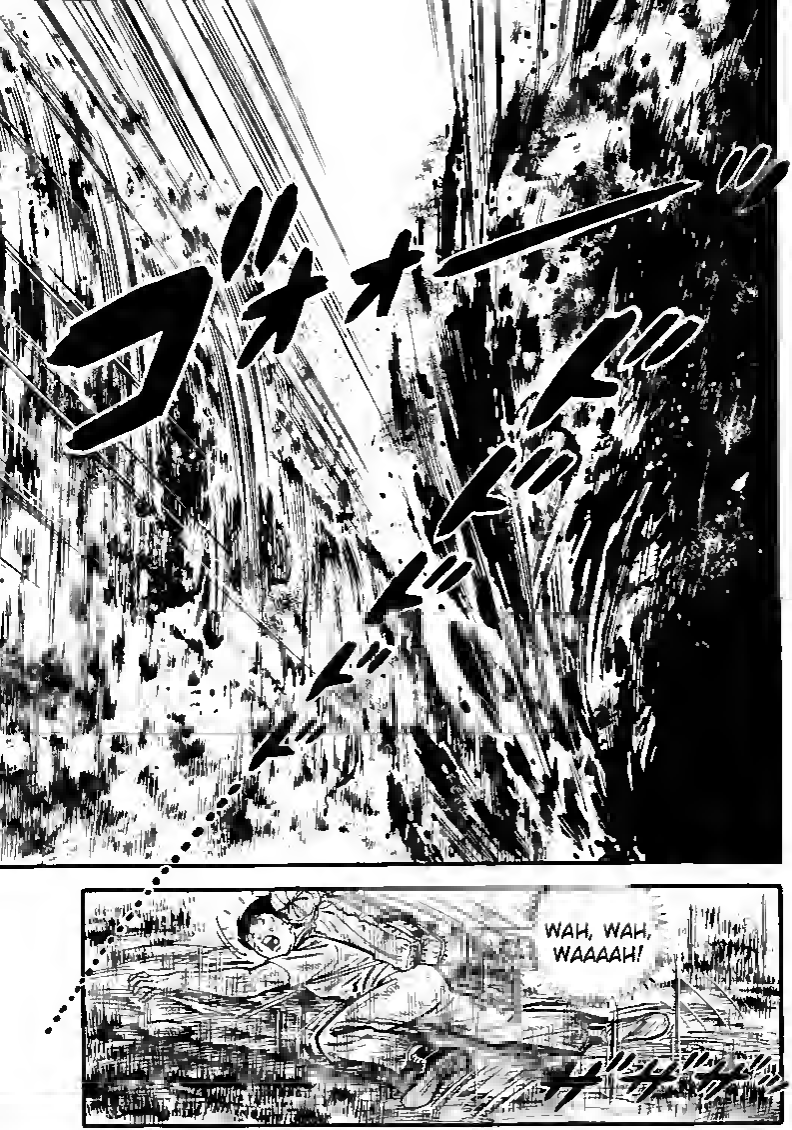
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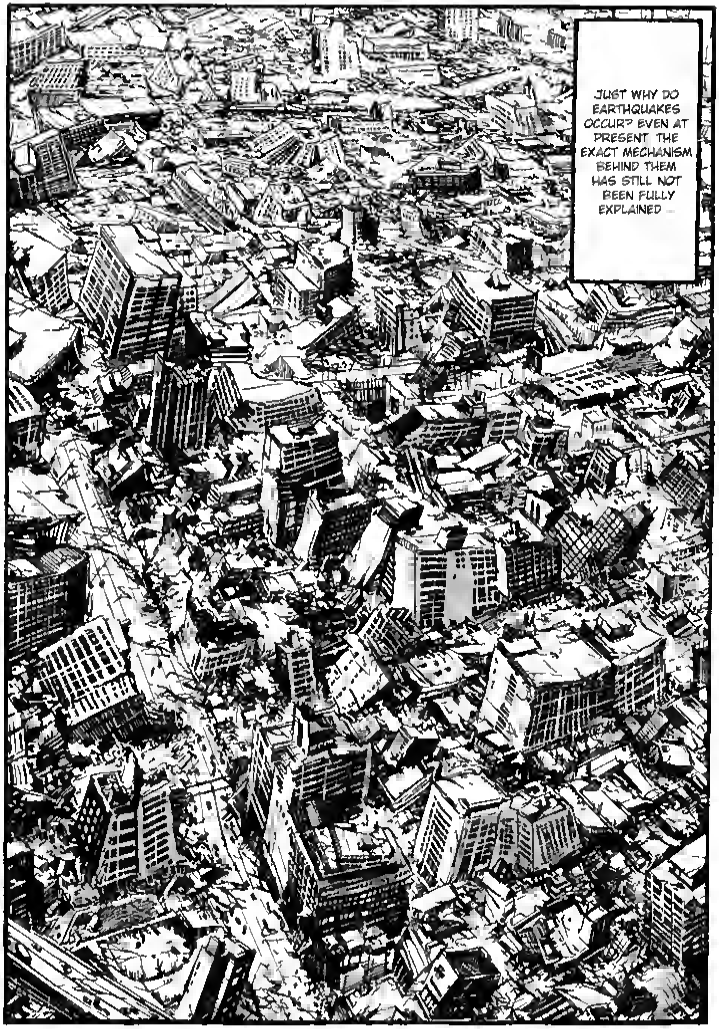
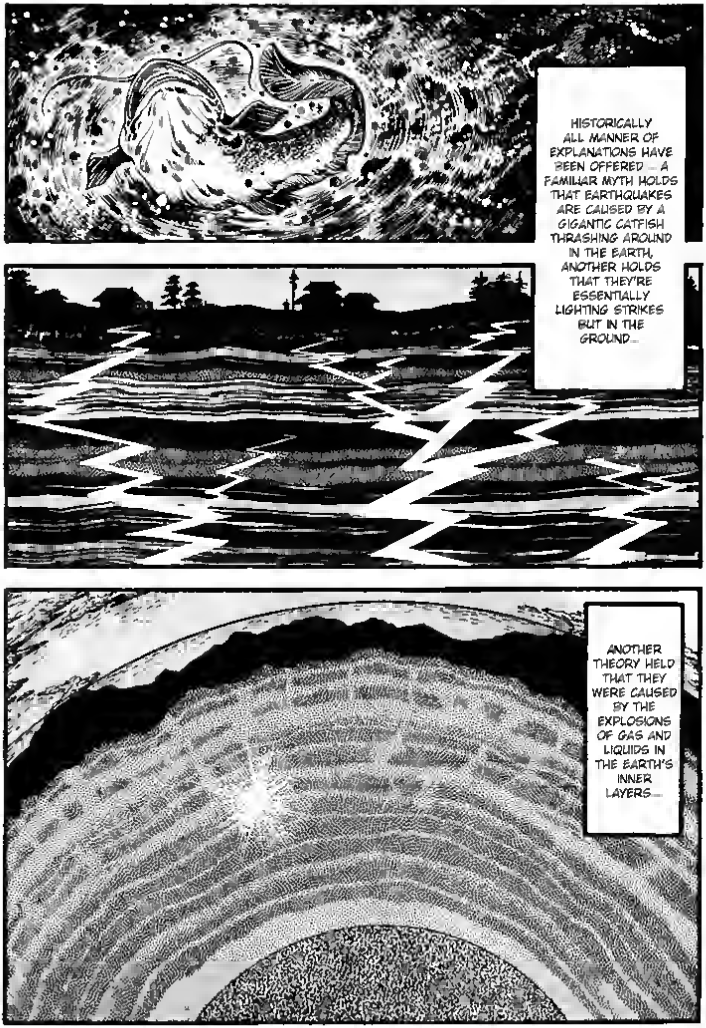
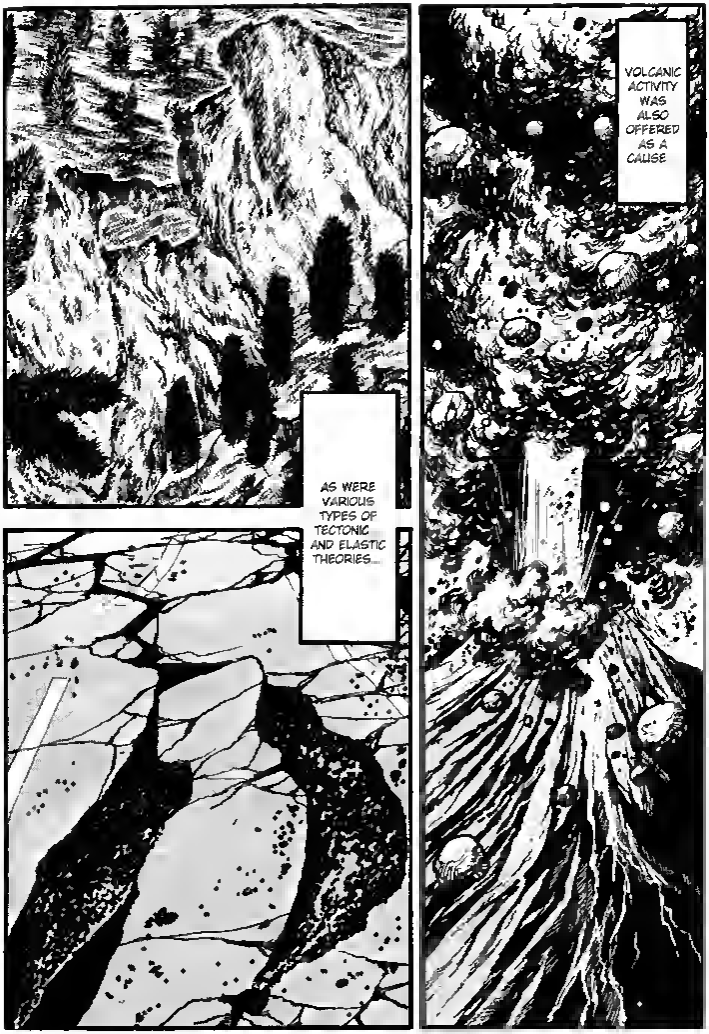
WAH, WAH, WAAAAH!

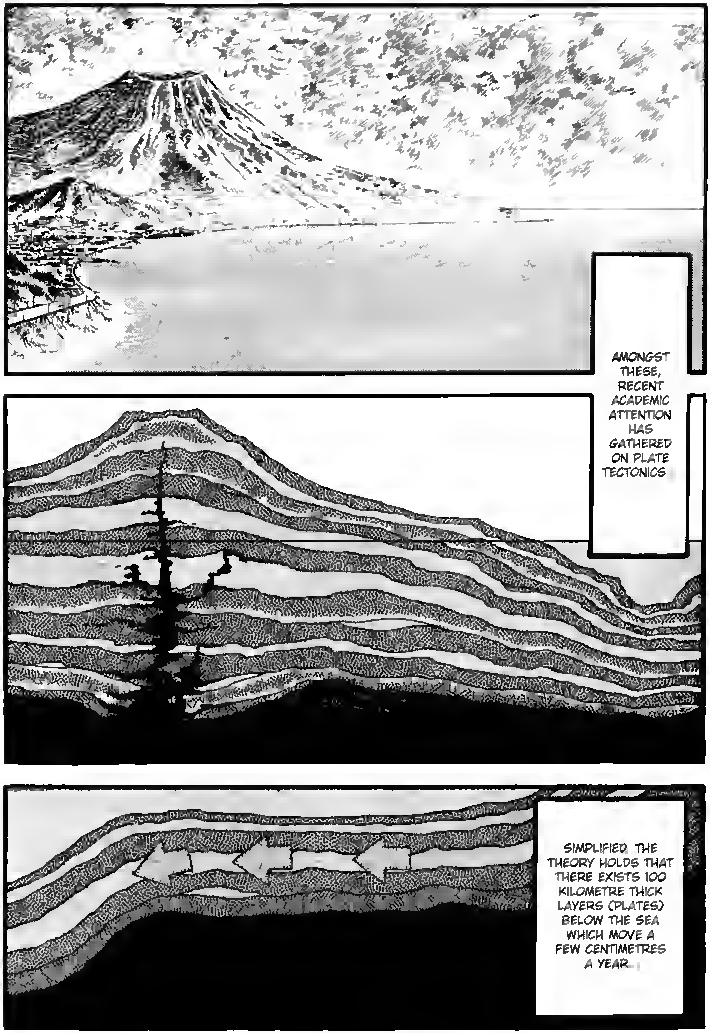
I... IF I HAD BEEN SENT TOWARDS THE CLIFF EDGE...
TH... THEN I MAY WELL HAVE GONE DOWN WITH THE CRUMBLING CLIFF...

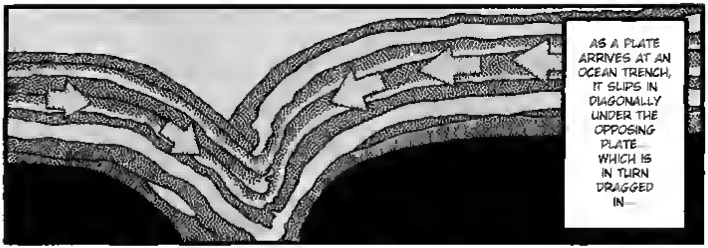
I GUESS IT'S SETTLED...


JUST WHY DO EARTHQUAKES OCCUR? EVEN AT PRESENT THE EXACT MECHANISM BEHIND THEM HAS STILL NOT BEEN FULLY EXPLAINED...


HISTORICALLY ALL MANNER OF EXPLANATIONS HAVE BEEN OFFERED... A FAMILIAR MYTH HOLDS THAT EARTHQUAKES ARE CAUSED BY A GIGANTIC CATFISH THRASHING AROUND IN THE EARTH, ANOTHER HOLDS THAT THEY'RE ESSENTIALLY LIGHTING STRIKES BUT IN THE GROUND...
ANOTHER THEORY HELD THAT THEY WERE CAUSED BY THE EXPLOSIONS OF GAS AND LIQUIDS IN THE EARTH'S INNER LAYERS...

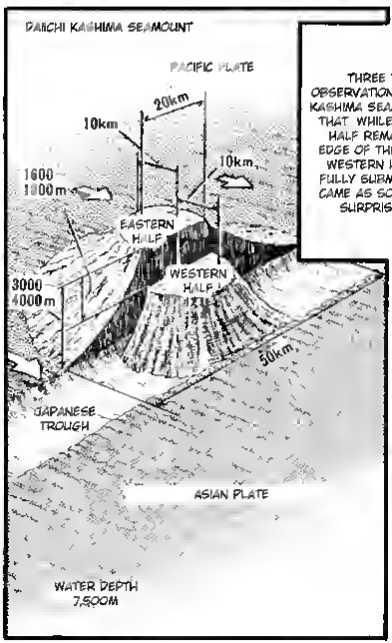

VOLCANIC ACTIVITY WAS ALSO OFFERED AS A CAUSE
AS WERE VARIOUS TYPES OF TECTONIC AND ELASTIC THEORIES...


AMONGST THESE, RECENT ACADEMIC ATTENTION HAS GATHERED ON PLATE TECTONICS
SIMPLIFIED, THE THEORY HOLDS THAT THERE EXISTS 100 KILOMETRE THICK LAYERS (PLATES) BELOW THE SEA WHICH MOVE A FEW CENTIMETRES A YEAR...

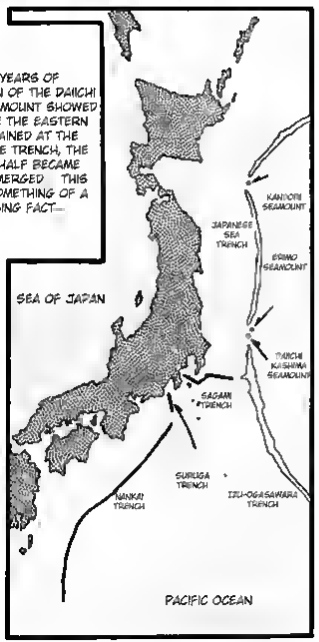

AS A PLATE ARRIVES AT AN OCEAN TRENCH, IT SLIPS IN DIAGONALLY UNDER THE OPPOSING PLATE— WHICH IS IN TURN DRAGGED IN—

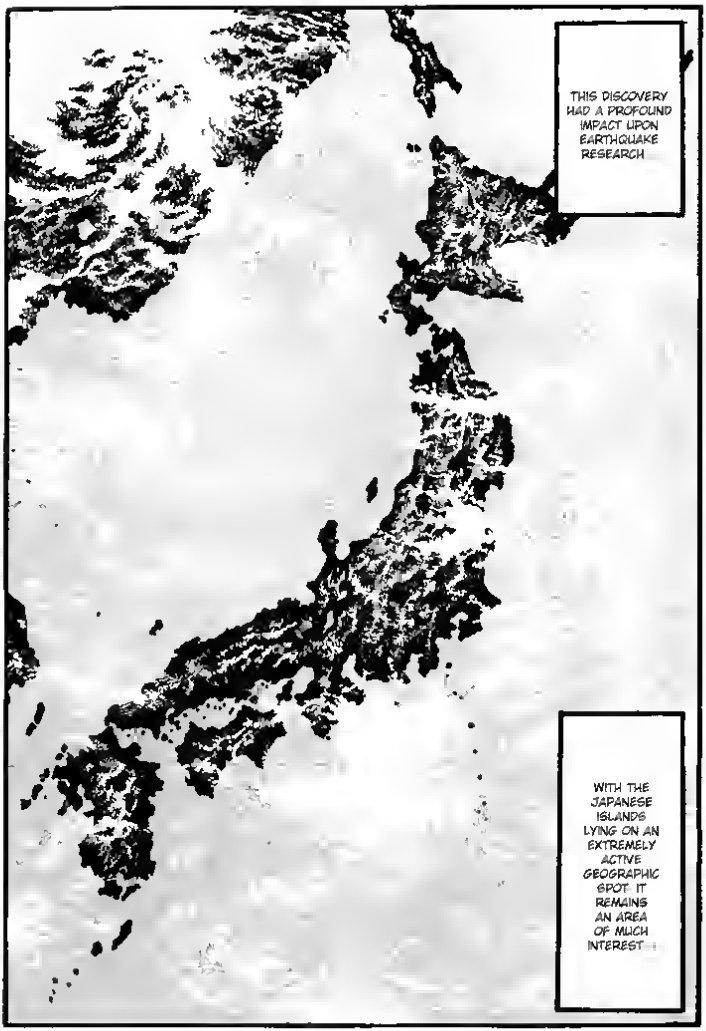
WHEN THIS PLATE IS PULLED IN AS FAR AS IT CAN BE IT REBOUNDS. AND THIS SHOCK CAUSES EARTHQUAKES

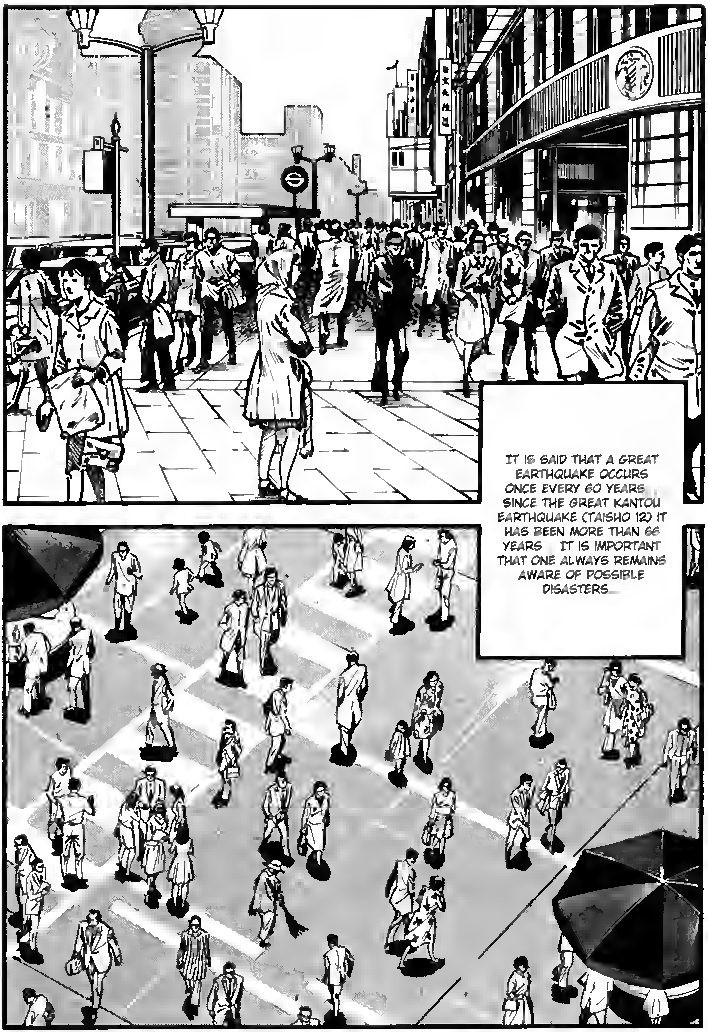
A BOAT FROM THE MARITIME SAFETY AGENCY, SHOUYO, DISCOVERED A SUBMARINE VOLCANO WHICH SHOWED EVIDENCE FOR THIS THEORY



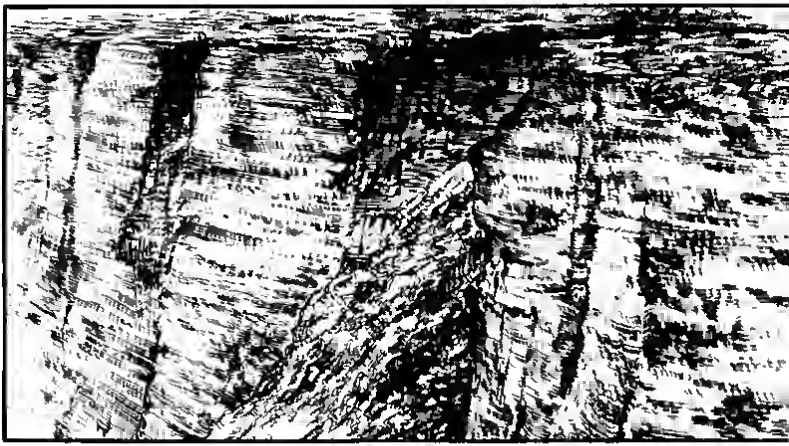
THREE YEARS OF OBSERVATION OF THE DAIICHI KASHIMA SEAMOUNT SHOWED THAT WHILE THE EASTERN HALF REMAINED AT THE EDGE OF THE TRENCH, THE WESTERN HALF BECAME FULLY SUBMERGED. THIS CAME AS SOMETHING OF A SURPRISING FACT—




THIS DISCOVERY HAD A PROFOUND IMPACT UPON EARTHQUAKE RESEARCH...
WITH THE JAPANESE ISLANDS LYING ON AN EXTREMELY ACTIVE GEOGRAPHIC SPOT, IT REMAINS AN AREA OF MUCH INTEREST...


IT IS SAID THAT A GREAT EARTHQUAKE OCCURS ONCE EVERY 60 YEARS... SINCE THE GREAT KANTOU EARTHQUAKE (TAISHO 12) IT HAS BEEN MORE THAN 66 YEARS... IT IS IMPORTANT THAT ONE ALWAYS REMAINS AWARE OF POSSIBLE DISASTERS...

I MIGHT BE ABLE TO CLIMB DOWN OVER THERE !



I DON'T THINK ANYONE COULD VE MADE IT ACROSS IF NOT FOR THAT SPOT BEFORE

BUT IT'D BE A PROBLEM IF THE CLIFF COLLAPSED LIKE IF ANOTHER EARTHQUAKE CAME
AND I MIGHT BE ABLE TO CLIMB UP THERE

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THERE AREN'T ANYWAY FOOTPRINTS HERE...
BUT IT DOESN'T SEEM AS IF IT'LL COLLAPSE RIGHT NOW... I SHOULD JUST GIVE IT A GO!

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I... I WON'T BE ABLE TO GET UP THERE WITH MY BODY LIKE THIS...
AND I'M STARVING TOO...
I... I FEEL REALLY DIZZY COMING FROM UP HIGH...
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CLIMB UP, SATORU!
S... SCREW IT... KEEP ON GOING! CLIMB UP!
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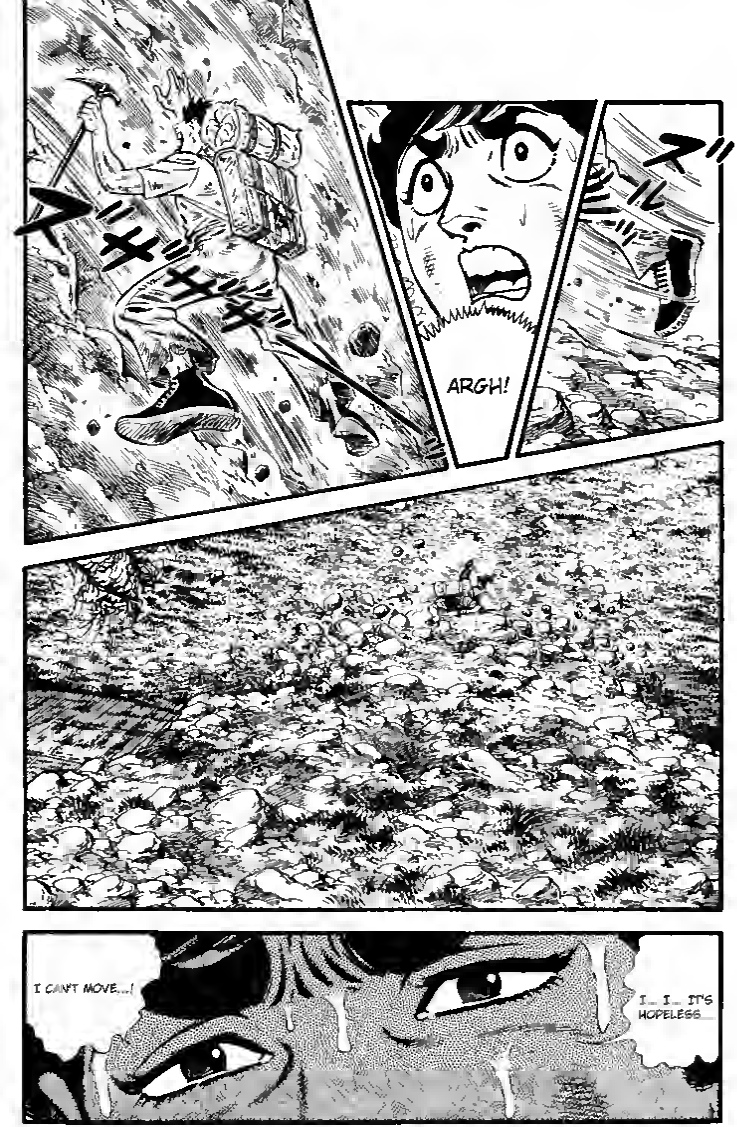
CLIMB!


ARGH!
I CAN'T MOVE...!
I... I... IT'S HOPELESS...

THE... THE BUGGERS ARE JUST WAITING FOR ME TO DIE...!
D... DAMN IT!
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I'M NOT DEAD YEEET!
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SHOUTING LIKE THAT JUST MADE ME HUNGRIER...
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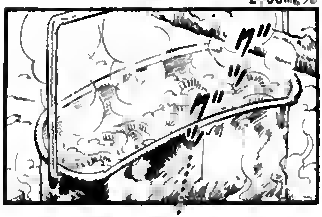
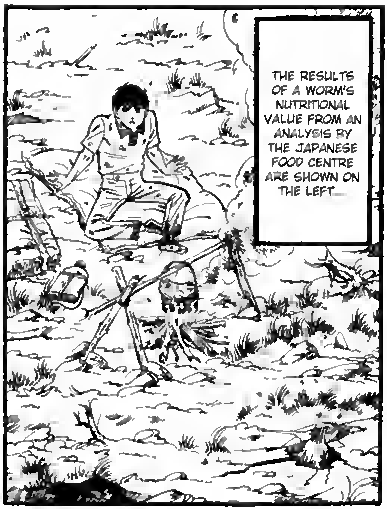
EEEEEK!
W... WORMS...
I... I COULD I EAT THEM

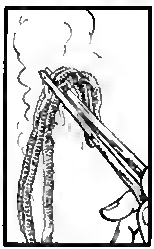
STILL— I COULD USE THEM AS FISH BAIT...
BUT THEY CAN'T BE ENTIRELY NUTRIENT FREE CAN THEY...!
W— WELL, THEY LOOK LIKE THEY'D TASTE RATHER WEIRD...
I'M GONNA EAT THEM!
RATHER THAN DIE I'LL DO IT! I'LL EAT THEM!
THE BOY WAS NOT WRONG— WORMS INDEED HOLD MUCH NUTRITIONAL VALUE

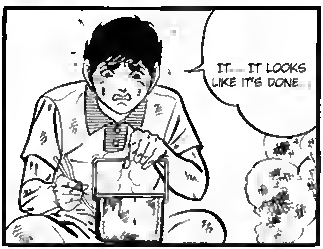
WORM NUTRITIONAL ANALYSIS RESULTS

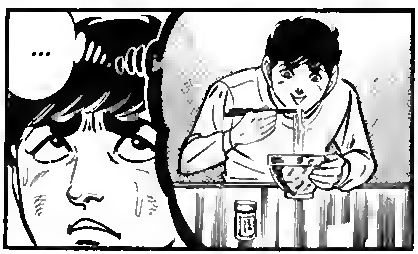
WATER PERCENTAGE (DRIED AT ATMOSPHERIC PRESSURE)	83.36%
PROTEIN	9.74%
FAT (SOXHLET EXTRACTION)	2.11%
FIBER	0%
MINERAL PERCENTAGE	1.08%
HARMLESS SOLUBLE SUBSTANCES	3.71%
VITAMIN A	NOT DETECTED
CAROTENE	92ug%
VITAMIN B	NOT DETECTED
VITAMIN B1	0.25mg%
VITAMIN B2	2.30mg%

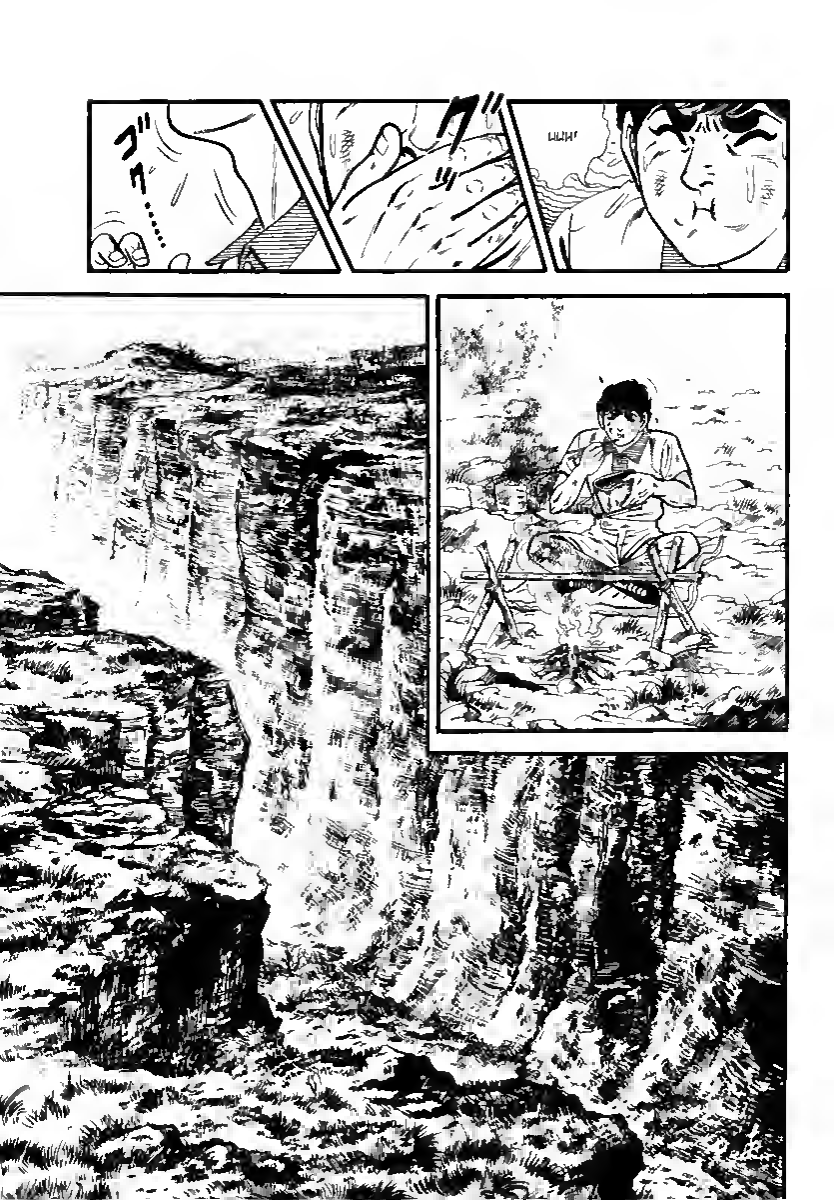








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BUT...
IF IT COMES TO IT, HUMANS CAN EAT MOST THINGS
PHEW...
I'M GETTING WEAKER... IF I STAY HERE IT'LL JUST MEAN DEATH... I HAVE TO PUSH ON AND CLIMB!

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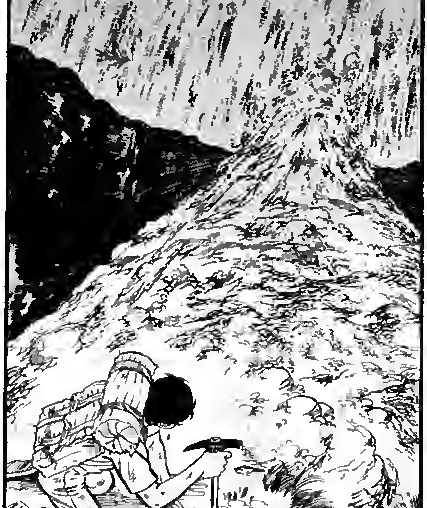
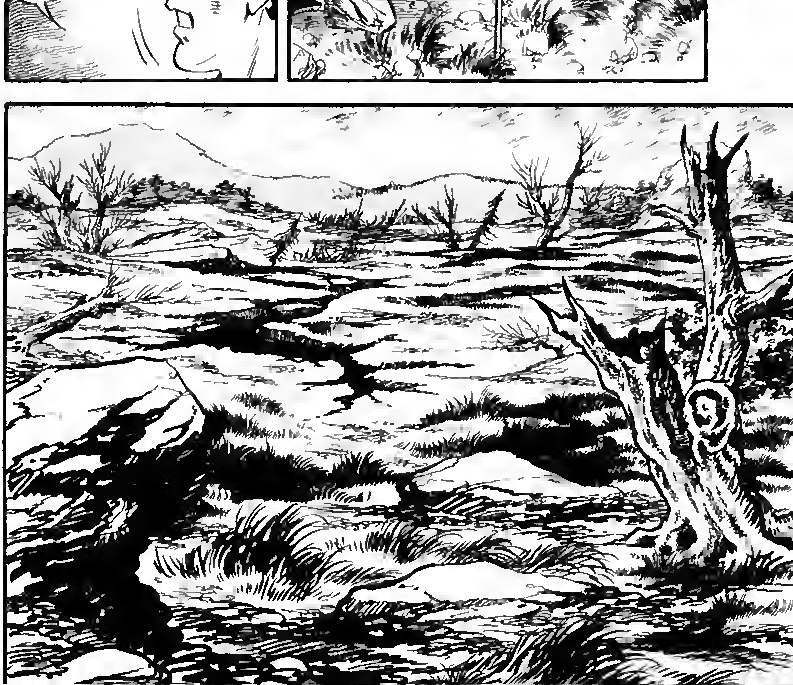
I... I...
MADE IT UP SOMEHOW...
I... I... I DID IT...!



EVERYONE ELSE SHOULD'VE COME UP LIKE... THAT TOO...
EVERY-ONE...



IT'S FUTILE... I'VE LOST SIGHT OF THEIR TRACKS COMPLETELY...

HE HAD FINALLY FOUND THE DIRECTION HIS FAMILY HAD HEADED IN... YET HE HAD NOW LOST TRACK OF THEM, AND WAS STRUCK BY DESPAIR. THIS DID NOT STOP HIS ADVANCE THOUGH. IN THE END HE WANTED TO MEET HIS FAMILY AS SOON AS HE COULD

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RATHER THAN JUST PUSHING ON, I NEED TO SORT OUT SOME FOOD FIRST.
I SHOULD TAKE A LITTLE LOOK ANYWAY...
THE REMAINS OF A VILLAGE... IT'S REALLY RUN DOWN... THERE'S NOTHING LEFT AT ALL...

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I DOUBT ANYONE WILL BE HERE EITHER

WHAT A TERRIBLE SIGHT...
IT'S WHAT'S LEFT OF A FIELD...
NOTHING'S USABLE...

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IT'S THE REMAINS OF A SHELTER!

IT_ IT CAN'T HAVE BEEN A DAY SINCE SOMEONE WAS LAST HERE!
WHAT'S MORE, THE REMAINS SHOW THAT THREE, FOUR PEOPLE WERE HERE!
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